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Coming Events

Friday, Jan. 12th.

The regular meeting of the Dramatic Club will be held in Room 206, N. L., at 4 o'clock. Members are requested to bring copies of "You Never Can Tell."

Friday, Jan. 12th.

The A. A. has planned a roller skating party to be held in Rudd's Hall at 7.30. Announcement will be made concerning the time at which students will leave the College.

Monday, Jan. 15th.

Regular meeting of the Glee Club at 5 o'clock in Room 113 N. L.

Tuesday, Jan. 16th.

Regular meeting of the Mandolin Club at 5 o'clock in Room 4, Blackstone.

Wednesday, Jan. 17th.

Mr. Frederick Weld will give a recital at 8.15 in Thames Hall. The program is an excellent one and it is anticipated that a large audience will be present.

Friday, Jan. 19th.

Regular meeting of the German Club in Room 113, N. L., at 4 o'clock.

Are You Interested?

The Literary and Debating Society announce that there is a possibility of a formal debate on the question of Equal Suffrage. Any one interested in this topic and also in the club may submit her name to the Membership Committee:

Chairman, Margary Rowe,
Alison Hastings.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays at five o'clock.

Convocation Reports.

December 12th.

Dr. Edward Chapman of New London spoke at convocation on "Six Plain Men." He told of the lives of six men who though in the more humble walks of life were still well worthy of study. He took for subjects of these character studies two sea captains, a light-house keeper, a country merchant, a country minister and a farmer. His talk, with its descriptions pathetic and humorous, was much enjoyed by the members of the college present.

December 19th.

At Convocation, Dec. 19th, Miss Sylvester addressed the students of the college on the subject of "Social Legislation." Miss Sylvester is the Field representative of the American Association for Labor Legislation at the present time, and was instrumental in getting the Federal Workman's Compensation Bill through Congress. There is an increasing field in this department of social welfare work for college women. The modern method of social workers is to prevent evil conditions instead of "patching up" the existing ones. The Association for Labor is now advocating the Social Insurance method as a strong prevention of poverty and is establishing local associations to carry on the work.

We all felt sure that Miss Sylvester's charming personality must go a long way toward assuring her success in her chosen field.

January 9th.

The speaker at Convocation, Jan. 9th, was Mr. Alvin W. Cooper, a resident of New London and organist of St. James Church. Mr. Cooper lived in South Africa for six years and during that time gained a thorough knowledge of that country. His lecture was in the nature of a travel talk accompanied by excellent stereoptican views.

The audience was carried on an imaginary journey from England to Table

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The French Relief Fund.

You have all heard those words "French Relief Fund" until they have probably become as familiar as the old slogan "Uneeda Biscuit," but for all that we don't want them to become commonplace. This is the first time that Connecticut College has been asked to raise any large sum of money; so we certainly do not want to fail in the attempt. All of the large colleges such as Vassar, Smith and Bryn Mawr are contributing twelve hundred dollars apiece, which will support two beds in the French hospital. We have offered to support only one, and we want to make our attempt a successful one.

President Sykes has generously started the fund with a contribution of one hundred dollars. The New Milford, and Stamford Clubs worked during the vacation, and beside their combined efforts some of our progressive members demanded money of their neighbors and relatives. The penny tax imposed on noisy tables in the dining room and on vivacious young ladies who have not kept the quiet hour rules is slowly swelling our fund, which at present amounts to one hundred and twenty-five dollars. Now we can raise the rest of the money if only we have your cooperation. The committee is working on plans which will take the combined efforts of everyone to carry out. We want your help!

Aside from the combined work which will have to be done we want to ask for individual assistance. Many of us cannot afford to contribute money, but all of us have at least a little time. We would like a list of volunteers who will give the money earned by one hour or more of service in the dining room, the telephone office, or any of the other places where money can be earned.

The only way we can succeed in raising our six hundred dollars is by the help of all, and we must succeed; so let us all be willing to do what we are asked. We are doing a big thing so let us try to do it in a big way.

—Ruth Morriss, Chairman.

L'âme du Violon.

The Cathedral was apparently deserted. Not a sound, save the echo of the organ's dying notes, came to the boy, crouching in breathless silence behind the altar-cloth. Outside on the pavement he could hear the retreating footsteps of the gray-haired organist who had only these few minutes before wafted Gudrea into heights of glory, until he had very nearly reached the level of the white-winged angels on the great stained-glass window. And now, as he cautiously crept out from the dusky curtains with his violin under his arm, he felt even above the angels. The late afternoon sunlight, sifting in through the western windows, illumined his face and made the red-gold of his hair alive with color. Slowly he made his way up to the chancel, listening at every move for any sound from the door where the watchman would be sure to enter soon.

"Ah! The vision when he played—if only I could play it now!"

The boy lifted his violin to his chin. He did not know that he had strayed into the gold-laced pulpit. He only knew that something was thumping at his heart and rising from his soul, and he must play, play, play!

It must have been part of the vision that in several minutes he was roused by a hand laid on his shoulder, the hand of an angel. The angel, however, was robed in American clothes and in place of a halo, a small brown hat covered the soft hair and matched the eyes that were just now tear-stained.

"Boy, boy," the voice trembled, and Gudrea in his astonishment had difficulty in remembering his English. "Who taught you to play like that? You are a genius. You played my feelings—you brought my home before my eyes—you must be in Signor Nicolo's Symphony? Tell me your name."

Slowly the facts dawned on the boy, as he took his violin away from his chin. This angel, this young lady had been in the back of the Cathedral all the time and had heard everything. And now she had called him a genius,—that was what his grandfather had

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Editorial

1917 is here, and if it is not too late we extend to all our best wishes for a very happy New Year. The rest of the greetings "will be found further on" as Seager of Economics fame is prone to say.

What do we always think of in connection with the New Year? Yes, resolutions, of course. It does not take a person trained in the psychology of the association of ideas to tell that. Well, here's hoping that all of your good resolutions are not broken at this late date.

Benjamin Franklin who gave us advice for so many occasions did not forget to leave us words of wisdom for New Year's, too. "Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve." That he knew the frailties of human nature we feel sure as we read the second part of his sentence. It is in that part of our resolution that we too often fail.

There is one thing which, we should not forget, belongs to the list of things we have resolved to do this year. I ask every student to take just two minutes to think about what she is doing to help swell the fund for Edith Wharton's Tuberculosis Hospital in France. Do you need more than two minutes to think of all of it? If not, why not? Would the thoughts of what you are not doing come nearer to occupying fully that space of time?

If you will remember, we as a college made the resolution to aid in this worthy relief work. We resolved to perform what we ought. Now the test is to see if we will perform without fail what we have resolved. We are all going to pull together in this work and so make it a success. Time is fast passing, and we must make the figures on the bulletin change every day at least, if we are to realize our object, and we must entertain no doubt of that.

The committee are giving much of their time and thought to the matter and they must have our cooperation. Don't wait to be solicited, make all your services voluntary. Let us show the proper spirit in this endeavor, and surprise ourselves as well as others.

You may have made resolutions and more resolutions for this year, but there is one that the "News" will not forget and will not let you forget. You have resolved to do your part in this Relief Work and do it now! With the fresh, new spirit of 1917, on to success!

Faculty Notes

During the holidays Dr. Sykes delivered a lecture in Montclair, New Jersey, before the Board of Education, on "Industrial and Vocational Education."

Dr. Coerne spent his holidays in Chicago.

The contract for the building of the gymnasium has been awarded to H. R. Douglas, the contract price being \$19,500.

During Christmas Vacation, Dr. Osburn attended the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and of affiliated societies, such as the American Society of Geology, and Society of Naturalists, etc. The meeting, the largest ever held by the Association anywhere, was in New York City and was in session four days.

Dr. Cary and Dr. Barstow attended the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association at Princeton, during the vacation.

On December 29th, Mademoiselle Ernst addressed the boys of the Italian Club of Boston in the Church of the Sacred Heart, on the subject of the war in Europe.

On Monday, January 8th, Dr. Sykes addressed the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union in Boston, on the "Social Basis of the New Education."

Mr. Frank Comstock, of Williams Street, offers a prize of ten dollars, for the student excelling in Botany.

On January 16th, Dr. Sykes will speak in New Haven, at the request of that branch of the D. A. R.

Friends of the college in New London have contributed the sum of sixty dollars to the Spanish department, to be used in prizes for 1917 and 1918.

On January 17th, Mr. Weld will give a recital in Thames Hall.

On the evening of Friday, January fifth, Dr. Nye entertained the students of Blackstone House. Interesting selections were read from "A Stepdaughter of the Prairie." Refreshments were served and judging from the numerous reports the evening was indeed a pleasant one.

Under the auspices of the A. A., an Outing Club has been formed.

Leader—Kathryn Hulbert
 Wampum—Pauline Christy
 Assistant Leaders—Marion Wells
 Alice Horrax
 Frances Barlow.

Any one may become a member of the Outing Club after going on three of its trips. Join it and see what good times you will have.

As You'd Like It

Concerning Clubs.

There are a great many clubs here—almost too many for such a small institution—and therefore it seems wisest that we girls should select the clubs which appeal to us the most, devote ourselves to them, and not try to divide the limited amount of time which we have among a large number of clubs. Then, having selected our clubs, girls, do let us attend the meetings. It is impossible to run a successful organization without a large number of interested workers. If we are interested enough to become members in the first place, surely we can keep up sufficient interest to try to do a part to make each meeting successful.

Those of us who attended the last Student Government meeting heard what was said in regard to leaving meetings early. Let us try to remember that—try to realize that the hour allotted to many of the clubs is all too short a time for what we would like to accomplish in one meeting, and try therefore to give at least that hour.

We have organized these clubs and now we want to make them wide-awake and effective organizations. But this rests with us, not with the officers; for

it is impossible for them to accomplish anything without the interest and active work of all the members of the club.

Let us try to enter whole-heartedly into the club we choose and do our very best to make that club one of the most active and successful organizations here.

Do YOU?

Do you keep quiet during study hours?

Do you think of your neighbor who felt tired and went to bed early when you make all the noise you can between 9.30 and 10.00 P. M.?

Do you sign up when you go out at night?

Do you make your bed and tidy your room every morning before ten o'clock?

Do you wash dishes and pans after using in the tea pantry?

Do you return dishes to the dining hall after borrowing?

Do you try to keep harmony and good cheer in the house by not carrying on petty gossip with your fellow student?

Do you sign up and return books to the house library?

Do you sign up for electricity and phone calls?

Do you turn out lights while at dinner?

DO YOU?

—Jessie Hay Wells
 House President.

Exchange Notes

The "News" received the Christmas number of the "Kodak" from Milwaukee Downer College. It is far different from the usual College sheet. The "Kodak" is in magazine form, and one-third or more of its space is devoted to short stories. We wonder what was the process used to get these contributions, when it takes several weeks to extract enough stories for our annual contest here.

The Night Before Christmas Recess

The night before the Christmas recess the resident students and faculty met in the local students' rest room for an informal Christmas party. The surprise of the evening was a real Christmas tree in the center of the room and strung with electric bulbs and candy canes. The evening was spent in singing all the old familiar Christmas carols and eating nuts and raisins provided in generous abundance.

Joke Column

She—"Do you love me, my dear?"
 He—"Dearly, sweetheart."
 She—"Would you die for me?"
 He—"Beloved, mine is an undying love."

CONCERNING PARTS.

Helen—"I love men to part their hair in the middle."
 Lillian—"That's one of the three things including celluloid collars, and button shoes, that I can't stand!"
 Helen—"But if it's parted right, it's all right."
 Lillian—"Well in that case, it would be parted on the *right* side."

BOWS AND BEAUX.

Chubby to Madeline who is wearing a bow on her hair—"Bows are becoming to you, Mad."
 Mad—"They may be coming, but they haven't arrived as yet."

A DISCUSSION IN PHILOLOGY.

Dr. Barstow—"Can anyone think of another word besides 'archangel' and 'archbishop' that has the prefix 'arch'?"
 Marendra, (absent-mindedly)—"Archibald."

CURIOUS.

Freshman—"What's the latest song hit?"
 Soph—"Couldn't say. No fatalities reported as yet."

TRY IT.

Place your forefinger on your right temple and spell the abbreviation for mountain. Then place your left finger at the left corner of your mouth and spell the abbreviation for quart.

Dr. Cary to her mother—"I hear a large anonymous gift has been given to Columbia."

Colored maid from the kitchen—"Why, I thought he was dead."

La' âme du Violon.

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called Signor Nicolo,—and, too, she had asked him if he was in Nicolo's Symphony! That was his one ambition, yet he hardly knew the great man by sight.

"Signorina is kind," he faltered, "but I am only Gudrea Stavato and live with my grandfather in a violin shop. I have never taken lessons, except from him. Signor Nicolo—ah!—he is the great master. You have seen him? You know him? Gudrea started forward eagerly and almost caught at the girl's skirt before he realized what he was doing.

"Never taken lessons?" Her voice was strange and thick. "Why, boy, you—never mind about Signor Nicolo or anything else—yes, I know him well. Come with me, come quickly. My father and I have been looking for one like you to take back with us on the tour to America. Bring your violin and come, before the watchman locks us in."

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It was very late when old Pedro heard Gudrea's footsteps on the street outside. He bent anxiously over the fire, stirred the charcoal to make a brighter flame, then pulled the kettle closer to the heat, and turned just as Gudrea burst open the door. The sight of the precious violins hanging on the walls and his grandfather by the welcome glow of the fire brought tears to the boy's eyes, as he laid down his violin and knelt at his grandfather's feet. It had been such a wonderful, bewildering, happy day that he hardly knew where to begin; but, gradually, in between his gulps of soup and bites of bread, the whole story flowed out; the Cathedral episode with the angel, his going to her father's house and playing before a gathering of famous musicians, and the final offer of a tour to America.

"Oh, Pedro, Signor says I shall study in Berlin, before we start,—in Berlin, the city of the lights, where you took me one holiday season. He says I need technique to make my expression and feeling sing best. Oh, Pedro-grandfather, you will let me go? I shall earn money and send it to you and when I come back we shall go to Berlin often to hear the Vereins; perhaps we can leave the Piazza Roma. While I am gone, Verdi and Lustra can come in to take care of you sometimes, and I shall be back soon."

The flames flickered lower and lower, while the serious talk wore on into the night. Old Pedro had many objections but at last he nodded his head and with his hand on the red-gold hair before him, gazed into the uplifted, dark eyes.

"Gudrea, you will have many experiences before you come back to me. You will study and practice; you will

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absorb the finest technique Germany has to offer. But, Gudrea lad,—write this on your heart,—never once forget that the soul of your violin, the French call it 'L' âme du Violon,' is the only thing that reaches the hearts of people. You may become master of double-stops and arpeggios; you may draw a perfect bow; but if you once lose that Soul, your Soul, the Soul of the world, your playing will be like wind that blows on the plains and is gone. Play with the ring of the joys of the world, and play with an understanding of its sad, throbbing depths—but that only comes by experience"—the old man's voice died away and the violins on the walls strangely echoed it.

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Sydney closed the book and looked across at her aunt, writing at her desk.

"That makes a very quaint story, Aunt Nan. You wrote that on the steamer coming home from Italy, didn't you? The story sounds too much like a fairy tale to be half-way true. But what did become of Gudrea?"

Nan Baird walked over to the mantel and took down a photograph.

"This is he, Sydney, the First Violinist of the Gotoñla String Quartet. You heard him Friday night at Symphony Hall. Old Pedro is dead now, but his words are still written on his grandson's heart, and Gudrea has found 'L' âme du Violon.'"

—Kathryn Hulbert, '20.

Convocation Reports.

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Mountain at the foot of which lies Cape Town, where the history of South Africa begins. The principal streets and beautiful buildings of Cape Town were shown on the screen. Then we journeyed northward through Cape Colony until we reached Kimberley, the town of diamonds. It proved a disappointing little mining town but the views of the mines made up for the drab looking village of huts. The next journey took us to the heart of the sheep country, King William's Town, and pictured its charming old market square with the quaint curfew tower; then across the Orange River into Orange River Colony. Fine views of many other interesting places were shown, beautiful scenery and historic battle grounds, but we regret that limited time prevented Mr. Cooper from giving his complete lecture. Some time in February he expects to give his lecture on South Africa in New London and students of Connecticut College will have the privilege of attending.

Thames Tide-Rips.

Happy New Year?

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Yes, very, with mid-years as a send-off!

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There is skating now, but really we have had some pretty good old skates around all the year!

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This ought to be a very prosperous new year. Several have returned with check suits!

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There was an eclipse of the moon Sunday night. We hope you all enjoyed your trip, traveling between the sun and moon!

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Talking of eclipse, there was a golden ring around the moon last night—meaning a wedding—too bad the earth separated them so soon!

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Irregular conjugation in English:

I have a headache.
You are sneezing.
She is in bed.

We have the grippe.
You " " "
They " " "

—J. H. W. '19.

Resolutions.

There's a cherub's laughing face in
Father Time's familiar place,
For the New Year has begun;
Sings the cherub with a bow—"Make
your resolutions now,
For 'tis time that they were done."

So we smile and say we will, and we
mean to keep them till
There's another year in sight.
But as we go on our way and take up
our work or play,
Resolutions take their flight.

Yet we watch them sail away, with our
hearts still light and gay,
As they've been in days of yore.
For we like it better so, thus to gladly
let them go;
And next year we'll make some more.

—M. Pomeroy, '19.

Students Entertained.

On the evening of December 15th, the last Saturday before vacation, the resident girls were entertained in Thames Hall by Dr. Sykes, and the Dramatic and Mandolin Clubs. The Dramatic Club gave a one-act play of Kipling's, "Poor Dear Mamma," which was enthusiastically received. The Mandolin Club gave two selections and then Dr. Sykes read in his most delightful style, Dickens' "Christmas Carol." At the close two Christmas hymns were sung and Dr. Sykes presented a barrel of delicious red apples, with a "Merry Christmas" to all.

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